

facepiece respirator used by a particular employee is only reused by that employee, and only when:

(A) The respirator is not visibly soiled or damaged;

(B) The respirator has been stored in a breathable storage container (*e.g.*, paper bag) for at least five calendar days between use and has been kept away from water or moisture;

(C) The employee does a visual check in adequate lighting for damage to the respirator's fabric or seal;

(D) The employee successfully completes a user seal check as described in paragraph (d)(2) of this section;

(E) The employee uses proper hand hygiene before putting the respirator on and conducting the user seal check; and

(F) The respirator has not been worn more than five days total.

NOTE TO PARAGRAPH (d)(3)(i): The reuse of single-use respirators (*e.g.*, filtering facepiece respirators) is discouraged.

(ii) The employer must ensure that an elastomeric respirator or PAPR is only reused when:

(A) The respirator is not damaged;

(B) The respirator is cleaned and disinfected as often as necessary to be maintained in a sanitary condition in accordance with §1910.134, Appendix B-2; and

(C) A change schedule is implemented for cartridges, canisters, or filters.

(4) *Discontinuing use of respirators.* Employers must require employees to discontinue use of a respirator when either the employee or a supervisor reports medical signs or symptoms (*e.g.*, shortness of breath, coughing, wheezing, chest pain, any other symptoms related to lung problems, cardiovascular symptoms) that are related to ability to use a respirator. Any employee who previously had a medical evaluation and was determined to not be medically fit to wear a respirator must not be provided with a respirator under this standard unless they are re-evaluated and medically cleared to use a respirator.

(e) *Effective date.* This section is effective as of June 21, 2021.

#### § 1910.505 Severability.

Each section of this subpart U, and each provision within those sections, is separate and severable from the other sections and provisions. If any provision of this subpart is held to be invalid or unenforceable on its face, or as applied to any person, entity, or circumstance, or is stayed or enjoined, that provision shall be construed so as to continue to give the maximum effect to the provision permitted by law, unless such holding shall be one of utter invalidity or unenforceability, in which event the provision shall be severable from this subpart and shall not affect the remainder of the subpart.

#### § 1910.509 Incorporation by reference.

(a)(1) The material listed in this section is incorporated by reference into this subpart with the approval of the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. To enforce any edition other than that specified in this section, OSHA must publish a document in the FEDERAL REGISTER and the material must be available to the public. All approved material is available for inspection at any Regional Office of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), or at the OSHA Docket Office, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room N-3508, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: 202-693-2350 (TTY number: 877-889-5627). It is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of these standards at NARA, email [fedreg.legal@nara.gov](mailto:fedreg.legal@nara.gov), or go to [www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html](http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html).

(2) The material is available from the sources listed in this section and as follows:

(i) The material listed in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section (CDC and EPA) is available at this permanent weblink hosted by OSHA: [www.osha.gov/coronavirus/ets/ibr](http://www.osha.gov/coronavirus/ets/ibr).

(ii) The material listed in paragraph (d) of this section (ISEA) is available from the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 West 43rd Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036; telephone: 212-642-4900; fax: 212-398-0023; website: <http://www.ansi.org>.